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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER SUPPORTING PANAMA
CANAL TREATY

FOR ARA

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 5, 1977
TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM DIP. LIC. VICTOR MANZANILLA
SCHAFFER OF MEXICO, PRESIDENT OF THE PARLAMENTO LATINO
AMERICANO. MANZANILLA WROTE ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES
FROM ELEVEN LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS TO SUPPORT THE PANAMA
CANAL TREATY. WHILE THE LETTER WAS RETURNED FROM
WASHINGTON TO EMBASSY MEXICO FOR REPLY, WE BELIEVE IT
COULD MORE APPROPRIATELY BE SIGNED BY THE SECRETARY, OR
BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARA, SINCE IT REPRESENTS HEMIS-
PHERIC SUPPORT FOR THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY. A COPY OF
THE TEXT OF THE LETTER IS BEING POUCHED TO RICHARD WYROUGH,
ARA/PAN.

2. THE LETTER CALLS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT A
TELEX SENT TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON
OCTOBER 22 IN SUPPORT OF THE TREATY. IT SAYS THAT THE
PARLAMENTO LATINOAMERICANO SUPPORTS THE TREATY BECAUSE
IT WISHES TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS OF CONTRO-
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VERSIES, JUSTICE, AND HARMONY AMONG NATIONS OF THE
HEMISPHERE.

3. A SUGGESTED REPLY FOLLOWS: QUOTE DIP. LIC. VICTOR
MANZANILLA SCHAFFER PRESIDENT, PARLAMENTO LATINOAMERICANO
LAFRAGUA 3, 10 PISO, MEXICO 1, D. F.

DEAR LIC. MANZANILLA:

THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO REPLY TO YOUR THOUGHTFUL LETTER OF NOVEMBER 5, 1977. I REGRET THAT I COULD NOT REPLY EARLIER, BUT IT WAS ONLY VERY RECENTLY THAT IT WAS RECEIVED.

WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT THAT YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF THE PARLAMENTO LATINOAMERICANO GIVE TO THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY. PRESIDENT CARTER STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT A NEW TREATY RELATIONSHIP WILL REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO A NEW ERA OF EQUITABLE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

I WISH TO THANK THE PARLAMENTO LATINOAMERICANO FOR ITS SUPPORT, AND WISH YOU TO KNOW THAT WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN FURTHERING THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL HEMISPHERIC RESPECT WHICH IS EMBODIED IN THE TREATIES.

SINCERELY,

CYRUS VANCE END QUOTE.

4. AS REPORTED MEXICO 21542, DEC 77, MANZANILLA IS IN TROUBLE WITH DOMINANT PARTY (PRI) LEADERS OF THE MEXICAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES FOR BREAKING STRICT PARTY DISCIPLINE AND ACTIVELY OPPOSING GOM LEGISLATION DEALING WITH "EMINENT DOMAIN" IN ACQUIRING RIGHTS OVER PEASANTS' LAND IN CONNECTION WITH GAS PIPELINE AND WITH OIL EXPLORATION. THIS IS A SIDE ISSUE AND SHOULD NOT AFFECT QUESTION OF A HIGH-LEVEL REPLY TO HIM AS PRESIDENT OF THE INTERAMERICAN PARLIAMENT-ESPECIALLY SINCE HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER PREDATES HIS LOCAL PROBLEM. LUCEY

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